

no request for setting up a regional office at Pune seems to have been received by the Commission.

[*Translation*]

Forest Area

4361. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total forest area in the country at the time of independence;

(b) the extent to which it declined in each decade after independence; and

(c) the total area of land where afforestation work has been undertaken after independence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the 'Handbook of Forest Statistics 1961 the total forest area in the country at the time of independence (1946-47) was 34.762 million ha. (347,620 sq. kms.) and in 1953-54 it was 73.25 million ha.

(b) The Forest area during the following periods is as under:

1959-60	69.444 million ha. (Indian Forest Statistics 1958-59 — 1960-61)
1969-70	75.033 million ha. (India's Forests 1972)
1980-81	75.062 million ha. (India's Forests 1984)
1987	75.18 million ha. (SFR 1989)

(c) Total area of land where afforestation work has been undertaken from 1st Five Year Plan to the end of the 7th Five Year Plan is 17 million ha.

[*English*]

Implementation of Three Language Formula

4362. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States who have implemented the three language formula;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to allocate special assistance to such State Governments who could not implement the three language formula due to financial constraints; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) With the exception of Tamil Nadu, which is implementing a Two Language Formula, all the States have accepted the Three Language Formula in principle. The extent of implementation varies from State to State.

(b) and (c) The Central Government have taken the following measures for assisting the States in implementing the Three Language Formula:—

- (i) Training facilities for language teachers at school stage is provided (a) through Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and its regional centres located at Delhi, Hyderabad, Mysore, Guwahati and Shillong, to Hindi teachers belonging to non-Hindi speaking areas and (b) through Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and its regional centres at Mysore, Patiala, Pune and Bhubaneswar to teachers of other modern Indian Languages. Two Urdu Research and Training Centres at Solan and Lucknow are also imparting training for Urdu teaching.